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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF IRANIAN PATROL BOATS TO SUDAN

REFS: 1. TEHRAN 2642, 2. TEHRAN 2853, 3. KHARTOUM 793

1. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF GOI'S UNAUTHORIZED TRANSFER OF BOATS TO SUDAN, DEPT HAS DECIDED TO CONSENT TO TRANSFER AFTER THE FACT PROVIDED (A) GOI PROVIDES US WITH WRITTEN ASSURANCES SUCH INCIDENT WILL NOT RECUR; AND (B) SUDAN PROVIDES USG WITH STANDARD THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER ASSURANCES.

2. BECAUSE OF APPARENT INADVERTENCE OF GOI ACTIONS AND LOW CURRENT VALUE OF BOATS WE DO NOT VIEW TRANSFER AS "SUBSTANTIAL VIOLATION" OF THIRD-COUNTRY TRANSFER RE-CONFIDENTIAL

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STRICTIONS WHICH WOULD HAVE TERMINATED ELIGIBILITY FOR FURTHER SALES UNDER FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT UNTIL REINSTATED BY PRESIDENT PURSUANT TO FMSA CRITERIA. HOWEVER, GOI ACTIONS HAVE CAUSED US SERIOUS PROBLEMS AND TREAD UPON WELL-

KNOWN CONGRESSIONAL SENSITIVITIES. IN EFFORT COMPLY AFTER THE FACT WITH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 3(A) OF FMSA, DEPT INTENDS EXPLAIN CIRCUMSTANCES OF TRANSFER TO CONGRESS AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS WHEN THESE ARE COMPLETED. FYI FOR KHARTOUM - ABOVE ACTION DOES NOT, HOWEVER, REFLECT ANY CHANGE IN USG POLICY SET FORTH STATE 217109 NOTAL OF 10/74. END FYI THOUGH GOS NEED NOT BE SO INFORMED EMB

SHOULD BE AWARE THAT FMSA REQUIRES THAT SECRETARY MAKE DETERMINATION THAT USG WOULD ITSELF HAVE TRANSFERRED THE ARTICLES TO SUDAN IN THIS INSTANCE.

3. FOR TEHRAN: REQUEST EMB:

A. INFORM GOI AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL OF DECISION DESCRIBED IN PARA 1 ABOVE EMPHASIZING THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE VIEW UNAUTHORIZED TRANSFERS;

B. REQUEST WRITTEN ASSURANCE AGAINST REPETITION;

C. REQUEST GOI APPROACH GOS TO EXPLAIN PROBLEM AND SOLICIT GOS COMPLIANCE WITH USG REQUEST FOR THIRD-COUNTRY TRANSFER ASSURANCES;

D. REQUEST AMB, AFTER APPROPRIATE INTERVAL, INCLUDE A REVIEW OF THIRD-COUNTRY TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS (DESCRIBED STATE 252945 NOTAL) IN THE AGENDA OF ONE OF HIS MEETINGS WITH THE SHAH.

4. FOR KHARTOUM: AFTER TEHRAN REPORTS GOI HAS APPROACHED GOS ON FOREGOING PROBLEM, REQUEST EMB IN ACCORDANCE WITH US LAW AND REGULATIONS, SOLICIT WRITTEN COMMUNICATION FROM GOS CONTAINING FOLLOWING STATEMENT: QTE THE GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN HEREBY GIVES ITS ASSURANCES THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER ANY OF THE (DESCRIBE BOATS) TRANSFERRED TO IT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN ON (DATE) OR THEIR COMPONENTS BY SALE, LEASE, RELEASE, ASSIGNMENT, LOAN, CONVEYANCE OR ANY CONFIDENTIAL

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OTHER MEANS TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT, INTERNATIONAL OR REGIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. UNQTE. KISSINGER

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